



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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### Good Week for Field Work

With the exception of a few light showers, Maryland farmers had a dry week with 5.9 **days suitable for field work**. Temperatures to start the week were about 15 degrees below the average, a continuation of the previous week’s cool weather. Frost damage to corn and vegetables has been reported in some areas. By week’s end, however, temperatures warmed up to normal. In general, last week’s conditions were good for progressing planting and harvesting activities.

Hay harvest has advanced significantly over the previous week and with good quality. **Alfalfa hay** harvest has surpassed the half-way mark with 69 percent harvested, 35 percent ahead of the previous week, 21 percent ahead of last year, and 18 percent ahead of the five year average. Fifty percent of all **other hay** has been harvested, moving 21 percent ahead of the previous week, 9 percent ahead of last year, and 10 percent ahead of the average.

The dry weather has also allowed farmers to bring **corn planting** near completion. Corn is now 94 percent planted, 14 percent more than the previous week, 6 percent ahead of last year, and 7 percent ahead of the five year average. **Corn emerged** is 76 percent, 13 percent more of the previous week, 8 percent ahead of last year, and 35 percent ahead of average.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 26, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Small Grain Development:				
Barley, turned	60	28	31	45
Winter Wheat, turned	14	2	4	9
Tobacco, transplanted	62	48	28	34
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloupes	70	57	67	78
Cucumbers	44	39	42	53
Field Corn	94	80	88	87
Lima Beans	29	20	19	29
Snap Beans	36	31	38	54
Sorghum	19	8	19	18
Soybeans	26	19	27	24
Sweet Corn	81	69	65	74
Tomatoes	74	67	84	83
Watermelons	57	36	44	69
Harvesting Progress:				
Green Peas	15	10	9	8
Strawberries, harvested	47	40	27	34
Other hay, 1 <sup>st</sup> cutting	50	29	41	40
Alfalfa, 1 <sup>st</sup> cutting	69	34	48	51

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 26, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	3	26	68	3
Topsoil (2001)	1	7	65	27
Subsoil Moisture	7	56	36	1
Subsoil (2001)	0	19	75	6

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